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ST. ANDREW'S ~~EPISCOPAL~~ CHURCH  
Leonardtowntown

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circa 1766-1768

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church stands today little changed from its original appearance. Designed by Richard Boulton who also carved the interior architectural embellishments, the church was built in the Georgian style with classical motifs. Of brick, Flemish bond construction, it is a rectangular block measuring 55 by 40 feet with the facade on the west. This elevation, known as one of the most unusual in Maryland, has a centered door and flanking windows set within a recessed portico. Directly above, at the attic-gable level, is a pedimented Palladian window. At each corner of this same elevation stands a two-story brick tower with stubby pyramid roof (the towers were never finished), brick quoins at the ground-floor level and arched statuary niches at both levels.

The balconied interior has a barrel-vaulted central ceiling supported by fluted columns of the Ionic order and flanked by flat-ceilinged side aisles, a scheme typical in 18th century St. Mary's County, but unique to southern Maryland. The finely carved altarpiece, also of the Ionic order, has a segmentally arched broken pediment supported by fluted pilasters and frames an elaborate reredos painted by John Freich. The nave is divided by side aisles which are intersected halfway by a cross aisle. Other interesting interior features include the chancel rail and paneled wainscoting.

St. Andrew's Church is the principal and earliest church building now standing within the bounds of St. Andrew's Parish. The Parish, composed of parts of both All Faith and William and Mary Parishes, was established in 1744 but did not actively function until 1753. The present building was constructed at a cost of 160,000 pounds of tobacco and 100 pounds sterling. The contract was awarded to Samuel Abell, Jr., who followed the design prepared by Richard Boulton (excepting an originally planned central tower which the vestry did not approve). The reredos was painted in 1771 at a cost of 16 pounds, 10 shillings, plus room and board for the artist, and took five weeks to complete, not including the mounting of the work on the altarpiece.

*This property has been included on the National Register of Historic Places, United States Department of the Interior.*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: St. Mary's	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: St. Andrew's Church	
AND OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: west side of St. Andrew's Church Road, 5 miles east of Leonardtown.			
CITY OR TOWN: Leonardtown			
STATE Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: St. Mary's	CODE 037

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNER'S NAME: St. Andrew's Church Parish Wilton Dakis, Senior Warden	
STREET AND NUMBER: St. Andrew's Church, St. Andrew's Church Road	
CITY OR TOWN: Leonardtown	STATE: Maryland
	CODE 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records	
STREET AND NUMBER: St. John's College Campus, College Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: Maryland
	CODE 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks	
DATE OF SURVEY: 1971	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust	
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road	
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: Maryland
	CODE 24

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Andrew's Church is located five miles east of Leonardtown, Maryland, on the west side of St. Andrew's Church Road.

The exterior of the nave of St. Andrew's Church is a rectangular brick box laid in Flemish bond with an "A" roof and round arched windows trimmed with brick segmental arches. On the west front, however, all convention is abandoned in a flourish of architectural forms. At both the northwest and southwest corners stands a two-story square brick tower with a diminutive spire. Brick quoins trim the corners of the towers up to the string course. Each tower has two niches on the west side that are framed with a raised brick arch, awaiting some appropriate statue or urn. On the south and north side of each tower is a round arched window situated above a shallow recess framed with a brick arch.

Between the towers at ground level is a recessed one-story loggia. Above the loggia is a two-tiered gallery lighted by a Palladian window centered under the pedimented gable end. A separate exterior door and staircase lead to the upper tier of the gallery, and an interior step ladder leads to the lower gallery.

On the interior, the church has a barrel-vault ceiling over the nave which is supported by columns with Ionic capitals. Each of the two side aisles has a flat ceiling. The original flagstones pave the floor. The carved wooden reredos have fluted Ionic pilasters which frame Biblical quotations painted by John Frieck in 1771. The church has box pews.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1766-1767

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☒ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

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☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

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☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The "dean" of Maryland architectural historians, Henry Chand-  
lee Forman, has said: "The most interesting facade of all  
the Georgian churches in the Free State undoubtedly belongs  
to St. Andrew's Church, . . . ." <sup>1</sup> The pastiche of architec-  
tural forms on the western facade of St. Andrew's is unequal-  
led in eighteenth-century Maryland architecture.

Richard Boulton designed the church in 1766. He is attributed  
with the design and execution of the outstanding carving and  
ornamentation at Sotterley, located approximately ten miles  
northeast of St. Andrew's, and at Bushwood, another St. Mary's  
County house which burned in the twentieth century. Very  
little is known about Boulton's career. The fact that he  
worked for George Plater of Sotterley who was a member of St.  
Andrew's Parish may explain the vestry's choice of Boulton  
to design their church.

St. Andrew's vestry records give a complete and detailed ac-  
counting of the construction of the church. On April 26, 1766,  
the vestry recorded their specifications. The building was  
to be fifty feet, exclusive of the chancel, by forty feet,  
with painted and wainscoted box pews with doors, flagstone  
aisles, an Ionic altar piece, a cypress shingle roof, quoins  
made of stock bricks, an arched ceiling, and flat ceilings  
over the two side aisles, all with an aisle height of four-  
teen feet. These specifications still adequately describe  
St. Andrew's Church.

Although the vestry was very particular, as illustrated in  
the above specifications, they allowed Boulton a free hand in  
the design of the exterior. An irrational, naive west facade  
resulted which contrasts markedly with the usual harmonious,  
rational, and understated facades of most eighteenth-century  
churches, e.g., Christ Church, Lancaster County, Virginia.  
However, the quality of St. Andrew's comes from this archi-  
tectural quirk.

In 1744, St. Andrew's Parish was created in St. Mary's County  
to provide an Anglican church for Leonardtown, the county  
seat. According to canon law, the parish could not officially

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE, continued

be established until the priests of the two older parishes out of which St. Andrew's was laid had died or left their churches.

Although early members of St. Andrew's included some outstanding residents of Southern Maryland, including Governor George Plater, the church never flourished, and it closed in 1870. In 1934, St. Andrew's opened its doors for the Maryland Tercentenary celebration.

Services are conducted at St. Andrew's during of each year, denoting a revival of local interest in the building. (as of 1972)

Henry Chandlee Forman, Maryland Architecture A Short History from 1634 through the Civil War (Cambridge, Maryland: Tidewater Publishers, 1968), p. 46.

## 9. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES, continued

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St. Andrew's Parish. Vestry Minutes. Hall of Records.  
Annapolis, Maryland.

"1767 St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Leonardtown, Maryland." n.p.: n.d. Pamphlet in the files of the Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland.

Waite, James. Colonial Williamsburg, Inc. July 21, 1971.  
Colonial Williamsburg has no evidence to support the contention that Richard Boulton was ever in Williamsburg, Virginia.

## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Daugherty, the Rev. R. C. "The Church of England in Maryland Especially in St. Mary's County 1634-1776." Chronicles of St. Mary's. Vol. XIV. (October 1966), 309-327.

Forman, Henry Chandlee. Maryland Architecture A Short History from 1634 through the Civil War. Cambridge, Maryland: Tidewater Publishers, 1968.

Forman. Tidewater Maryland Architecture and Gardens. New York: Bonanza Books, 1956. [see continuation sheet]

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NE	38° 17' 22"	76° 33' 06"			
SE	38° 17' 15.5"	76° 33' 01"			
SW	38° 17' 12"	76° 33' 09"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: sixteen acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Nancy Miller, Historian		DATE July 25, 1972
ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust		
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road		
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE Maryland 21401	CODE 24

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665). I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name Orlando Ridout IV  
Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date July 26, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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USGS 7.5 minute map (Maryland)  
scale 1:24,000  
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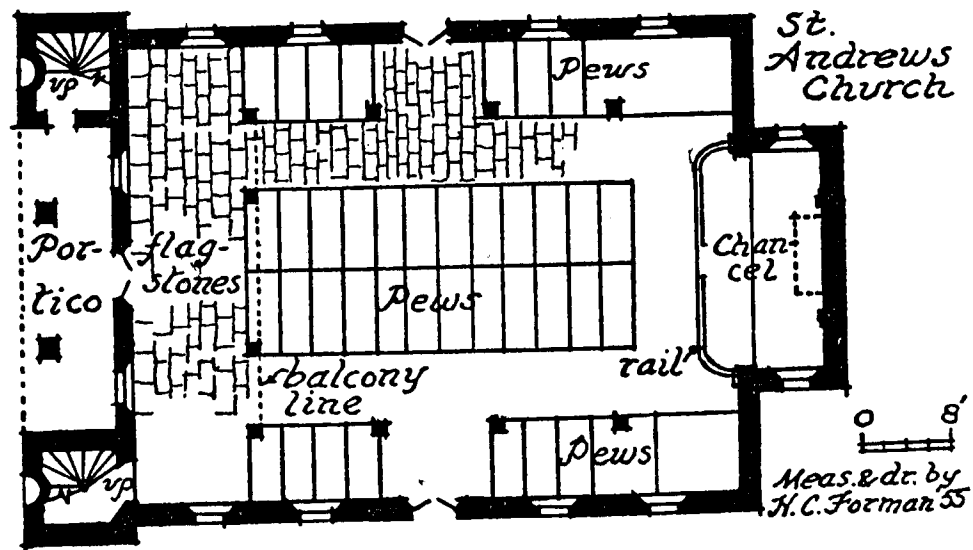


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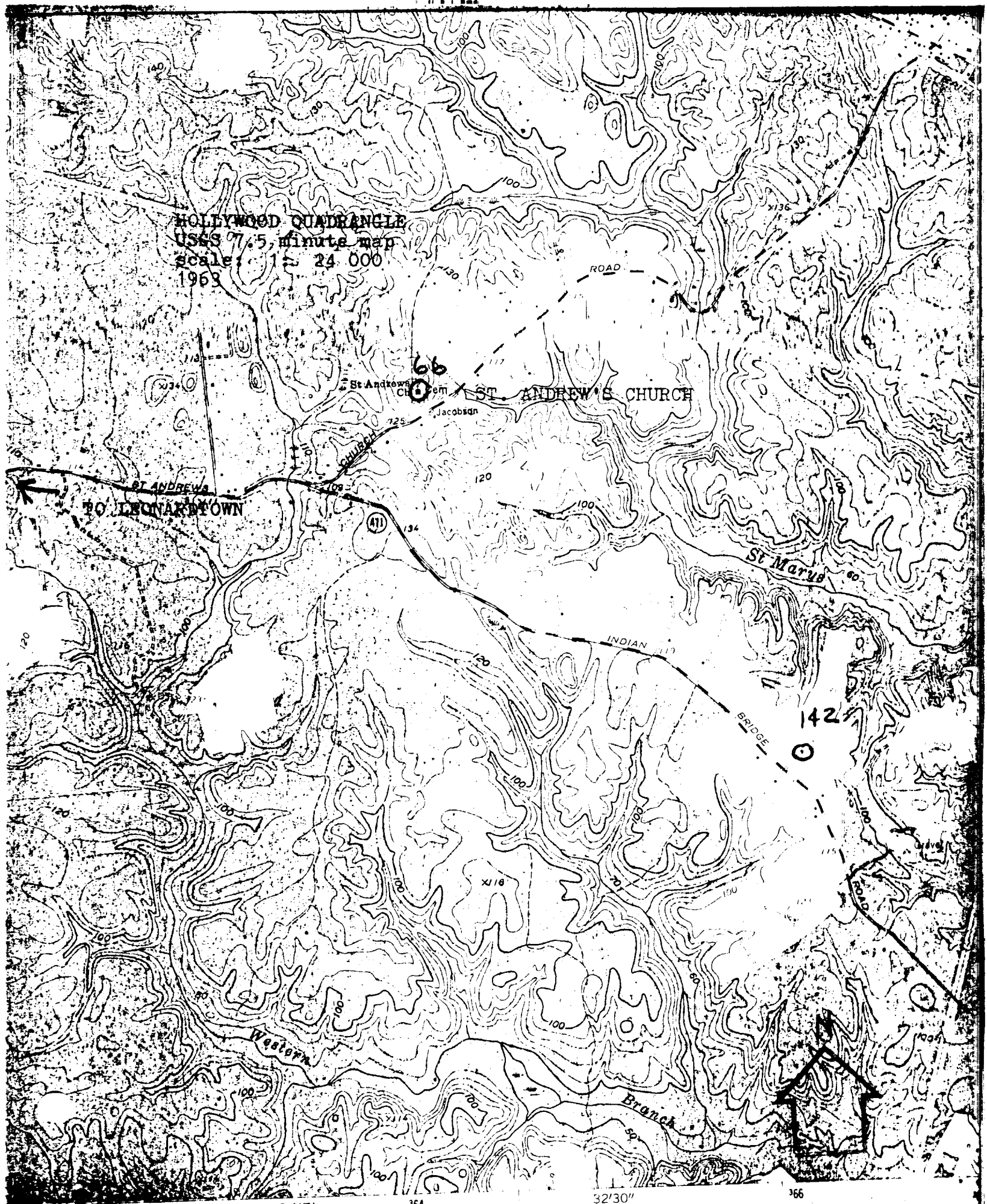
One of the least-known early dwellings in Prince George's County is THE BARRY PLACE, with its fine woodwork in the Great Room. Below, a measured floor plan of ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, St. Mary's County, built in 1766-67.

H.C. Forman Tidewater Md. Arch and Gardens  
N.Y. Bencanya Books, 1956, 115

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Hollywood, Maryland

West facade



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